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## GARBANZO PRODUCTION DOWN,

CURRENT SERIAL RECORDS

## CHIEFLY IN INDIA

Garbanzo production in 17 reporting countries totaled 123,457 thousand cwt. in 1966, down 22 percent from the 1965 production of 157,990 thousand cwt. and 18 percent below the 1960-64 average of 150,394 thousand cwt.

Garbanzos, also known as chickpeas, are a high-protein pulse crop which has been cultivated for food in southern Europe and the Middle East for centuries.

The decrease in 1966 production occurred principally in India which accounts for 79 percent of the total reported production. Pakistan, the world's second largest producer, also reports a decrease in 1966.

Spain, the largest producer in Europe, shows a sizable increase over 1965, but is still down 5 percent from the 1960-64 average of 2,900 thousand cwt.

| Continent and country   | Acreage            |        | Yield per acre |                    | Production |                    |         |              |         |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------|----------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|---------|--------------|---------|
|                         | Average<br>1960-64 | 1965   | 1966 L/<br>:   | Average<br>1960-64 | 1965       | Average<br>1960-64 | 1965    | 1966 L/<br>: |         |
| Americas:               |                    |        |                |                    |            |                    |         |              |         |
| Argentina .....         | 15                 | 15     | 10             | 863                | 875        | 854                | 144     | 132          | 85      |
| Chile .....             | 28                 | 32     | 30             | 470                | 611        | 416                | 132     | 196          | 123     |
| Colombia .....          | 14                 | 55     | 62             | 603                | 402        | 428                | 87      | 220          | 265     |
| Mexico .....            | 329                | 279    | 268            | 778                | 830        | 393                | 2,558   | 2,317        | 1,052   |
| United States .....     | 6                  | 12     | 12             | 750                | 750        | 750                | 44      | 87           | 92      |
| Total .....             | 394                | 393    | 382            | 753                | 751        | 423                | 2,965   | 2,952        | 1,617   |
| Europe:                 |                    |        |                |                    |            |                    |         |              |         |
| Greece .....            | 47                 | 52     | 45             | 625                | 838        | 977                | 293     | 436          | 443     |
| Italy .....             | 172                | 148    | 142            | 524                | 608        | 627                | 902     | 900          | 888     |
| Portugal .....          | 167                | 148    | 173            | 310                | 224        | 223                | 520     | 331          | 386     |
| Spain .....             | 610                | 568    | 544            | 476                | 318        | 507                | 2,900   | 1,808        | 2,756   |
| Total .....             | 996                | 916    | 904            | 463                | 379        | 495                | 4,615   | 3,475        | 4,473   |
| Asia:                   |                    |        |                |                    |            |                    |         |              |         |
| India .....             | 23,642             | 21,996 | 18,748         | 513                | 581        | 517                | 121,206 | 127,867      | 97,002  |
| Lebanon .....           | 2                  | 3      | 4              | 751                | 896        | 900                | 14      | 29           | 33      |
| Pakistan .....          | 2,989              | 3,118  | 2,778          | 486                | 501        | 463                | 14,524  | 15,635       | 12,858  |
| Syria .....             | 74                 | 162    | 161            | 521                | 621        | 453                | 384     | 1,008        | 728     |
| Turkey .....            | 213                | 210    | 217            | 913                | 934        | 965                | 1,990   | 1,962        | 2,094   |
| Total .....             | 26,920             | 25,489 | 21,908         | 513                | 575        | 514                | 138,118 | 146,501      | 112,715 |
| Africa:                 |                    |        |                |                    |            |                    |         |              |         |
| Ethiopia .....          | 675                | 684    | 680            | 533                | 544        | 544                | 3,625   | 3,721        | 3,700   |
| Morocco .....           | 198                | 193    | 203            | 453                | 1,182      | 360                | 894     | 1,143        | 732     |
| United Arab Republic .. | 12                 | 12     | 12             | 1,469              | 1,593      | 1,770              | 177     | 198          | 220     |
| Total .....             | 885                | 889    | 895            | 531                | 569        | 520                | 4,696   | 5,062        | 4,652   |
| Grand Total .....       | 29,195             | 27,687 | 24,089         | 515                | 571        | 513                | 150,394 | 157,990      | 123,457 |

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